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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 30, 2003

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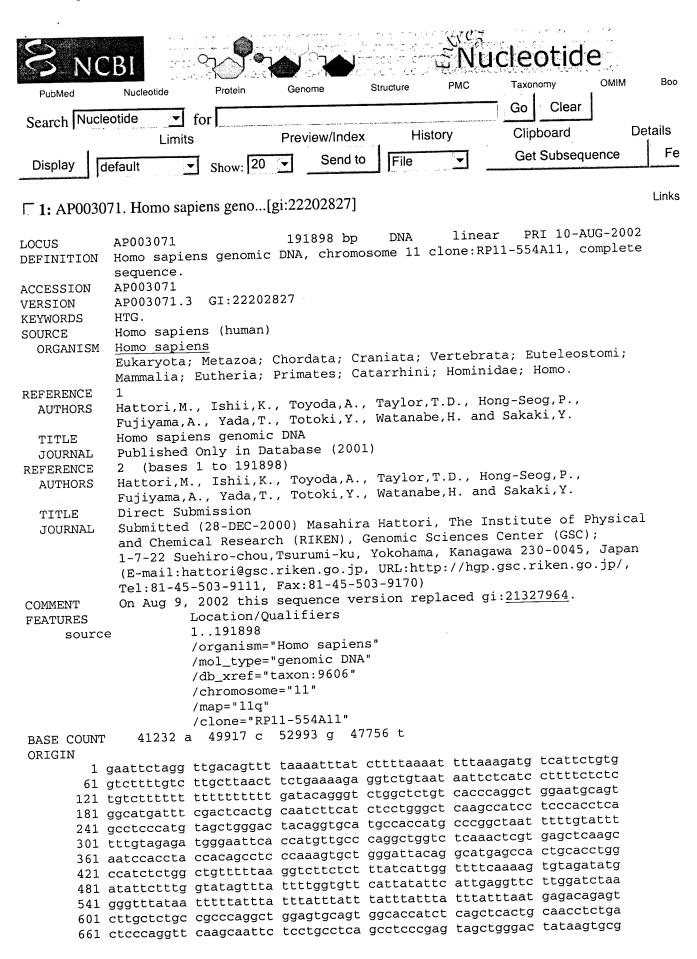
Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Office Action ("the Action") mailed on May 30, 2003 (Paper No. 11), which has been carefully reviewed and studied. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following remarks. In order to facilitate the Examiner's evaluation of the application, Applicants have attempted to address the rejections in Paper No. 11 in the same order in which they were originally raised.

The response is due on August 30, 2003, which falls on a Saturday and is therefore extended until Monday, September 1, 2003, which falls on a Federal holiday and is therefore extended until Tuesday, September 2, 2003 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7. The response is thus timely filed, and Applicants believe no fees are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.

RESPONSE

I. Status of the Claims

No claims have been cancelled. No claims have been amended. No new claims have been



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